Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, South Dakota is home to more than 400 dairy farmers who provide quality products to consumers across the state and beyond its borders; and,

Whereas, There are 94,000 head of dairy cattle in South Dakota, and the dairy industry contributes more than $1.41 billion to the state's economy each year; and,

Whereas, Dairy farms are a significant outlet for locally raised crops, contributing to South Dakota's overall agricultural and rural economy, and improving its rural communities; and,

Whereas, South Dakota dairy farmers follow strict protocols to provide responsible environmental management and animal care on their farms; and,

Whereas, These practices help make South Dakota a better place to live; and,

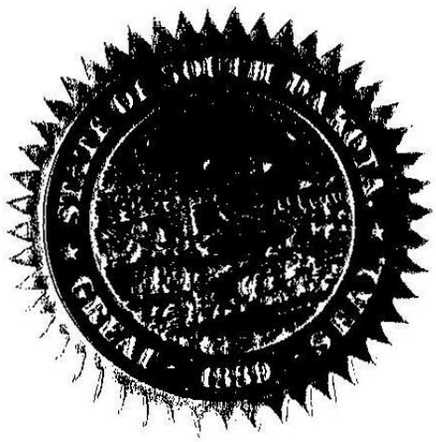
Whereas, The presence of dairy farms in South Dakota offers families throughout the state access to local, wholesome sources of food; and,

Whereas, Dairy products like milk, cheese, and yogurt contain nine essential nutrients which help to reduce the risk for high blood pressure, osteoporosis, and certain cancers:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim June 2009 as

DAIRY MONTH

in South Dakota.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this First Day of June in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Nine.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Teresa J. Bray, Deputy

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State